



May 2014

KCVA Veteran *focus*

KCVA Events

Honor Annex Ribbon Cutting

5/16/14 - 10am

Honor Annex

4251 Northern Ave.

KCMO, 64133

Patient Orientation

5/28/14

9:30am - 11:30am

KCVA Hall of Heroes

Cancer Survivors Day

6/2/14 - Noon

KCVA Gazebo

Cancer Survivors Day, A Celebration of Life

The Kansas City VA Medical Center hosts an annual Cancer Survivor's Day celebration. This year's celebration is Monday, June 2, 2014

Cancer Survivors Day provides an opportunity to connect, observe milestones and recognize Veterans, family, friends and providers for your bravery, perseverance and Service to America. Cancer Survivor's Day includes activities focused on assisting the Veteran, and his/her support network, to cope with their diagnosis. Attendees of the event will hear inspirational speakers who address cancer survivor and family issues.

All are welcome to join in the joy and celebration on this important day in the lives of our Veterans.

What Cancer Cannot Do

Cancer is so limited..

It cannot cripple love.

It cannot shatter hope.

It cannot corrode faith.

It cannot eat away peace.

It cannot destroy confidence.

It cannot kill friendship.

It cannot shut out memories.

It cannot silence courage.

It cannot reduce eternal life.

It cannot quench the Spirit.

~Author unknown

Smoking Cessation Success!

Smoking remains the leading preventable cause of premature death and a leading cause of illness and mortality. Veterans are disproportionately affected by smoking-related illnesses.

Since starting the tobacco cessation program on July 12, 2012, Shannon Huebert, Ph.D. and Keith Anderson, PharmD have helped over 500 patients with quitting tobacco. When the two joined forces to revamp the clinic, their goals were to implement a "one stop shop" for evidence-based behavioral and pharmaceutical treatment and to increase access.

A Pharmacist will be available to discuss medications and provide quit tobacco prescriptions if appropriate.

***The Class is every
Tuesday at 10:00am
M6-274***

No Appointment

Veterans can call 1-855-QUIT-VET, a proactive, national telephone smoking cessation quitline for Veterans receiving their health care in VA.

SmokefreeVET* is a mobile text messaging service available to Veterans quitting smoking. This program is designed to provide 24/7 support, tips, and encouragement to Veterans.

Project Updates

- **Phlebotomy** has moved across the hall from the previous location.
- **Honor Annex** is up and running and we are hearing great comments from the patients and staff.
- All **primary care clinics** at Linwood are now in the Blue/Green clinic space.



The clinics have been renamed to reflect their location. Instead of Red, Blue, or Green, they will be either Linwood or Honor Annex

- **Podiatry** is scheduled to move to the **4th Floor** the week of May 14th with Dermatology and Plastics to follow.
- **Dialysis Project** (7th floor) is near completion. It is scheduled to open June 1st.
- **Ambulatory Surgery Project** (5 East) is also near completion. It is scheduled to open in June.
- **Mobile Medical Unit** is now traveling to Warrensburg and Olathe. The unit continues to travel to Trenton, Bolivar and Carrollton.



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